



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

City Ordinance 8.24.070 requires that all Cambridge households separate recyclable materials (paper; cardboard; glass, plastic and metal containers) from other solid waste, and place it in appropriate bins for curbside collection. There are some EXEMPTIONS to this regulation for people with disabilities who live in a household where there is no one who can comply with the recycling requirements.

The resident's impairment must in some way limit either his/her ability to sort out recyclables, such as a visual impairment or limited manual dexterity, or to place the blue recycling bin at the curbside. Partial recycling exemptions, for example from the requirement to flatten cardboard to 3 feet by 3 feet for recycling, are also available.

For households that do participate in the recycling program but where the resident has difficulty lifting or carrying the recycling bin to the curb, the City can provide the person with a free two-wheel Bin Carrier, for transporting the bin. If you think this will solve your recycling problem, please ask for the Bin Carrier Program information and separate Application Form.

There are no income restrictions for these Recycling Exemptions, but occasionally additional information including medical verification of disability may be required to process the request. The applicant's eligibility is subject to periodic review.

Once the Application Form has been received, it may take up to ten business days to be processed by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Public Works. For additional information or to obtain an Application Form, contact the Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-349-4692 (voice) or 617-492-0235 (TTY) or by e-mail at **cthompson@cambridgema.gov**.

Send the completed Application Form to:

**Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities
51 Inman Street, second floor
Cambridge, MA 02139**

The City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works, does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Department of Public Works will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to qualified applicants and program participants with disabilities upon request. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or call 617-349-4800 (Voice) or 617-349-4805 (TTY).